

COUNCIL AGENDA
for the meeting on
Thursday 12th December 2024 at 7.00 pm in Grimsby Town
Hall

1.	<u>Mayor's Announcements</u>	-
2.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	-
3.	<u>Minutes</u> To submit for approval the minutes of the meeting of North East Lincolnshire Council held on 26 th September 2024 and the special meeting on the 30 th October 2024 (copies attached)	-
4.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> To record any declarations of interest by any Member in respect of items on this agenda. Members declaring interests must identify the Agenda item and the type and detail of the interest declared.	-
5.	<u>Question Time</u> To consider questions from members of the public submitted in accordance with the Council's policy.	-
6.	<u>The Leader's Statement</u> To receive a statement from the Leader updating Council in respect of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Key issues of significance to the social, economic or environmental well-being of the area (ii) Special Urgency decisions taken in accordance with the Constitution (iii) The implementation of Motions previously resolved at the preceding Council meeting(s). 	-
7.	<u>Council Plan 2025-28</u> To consider a report from the Leader of the Council seeking adoption of the new Council Plan 2025-2028. This report was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 11 th December 2024 (copy attached).	11
8.	<u>Freshney Place Leisure Scheme</u> To consider a report from the Leader of the Council providing detail and recommendations around the next steps to progress the Freshney Place Leisure Scheme. This report was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 11 th December 2024 (copy attached).	87

9.	<p><u>Calculation of the Council Tax Base for 2025/26</u></p> <p>To receive a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets on the setting of the Council Tax Base for 2025/26 and outlining the proposed Council Tax Support Scheme for the forthcoming year. This report was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 11th December 2024 (copy attached).</p>	151
10.	<p><u>Treasury H1 Report 2024-25</u></p> <p>To receive a report from the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Resources and Assets containing details of treasury management arrangements, activity and performance during the 2024-25 financial year. This report was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 11th December 2024 (copy attached).</p>	165
11.	<p><u>Statutory Officer Designations</u></p> <p>To consider a report from the Chief Executive seeking confirmation of Statutory Officer Designations relating to the appointment of a Statutory Scrutiny Officer and a Deputy Electoral Registration Officer for North East Lincolnshire Council (copy attached).</p>	193
12.	<p><u>Appointment of Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority Returning Officer and the appointment of the Local Returning Officer for the Mayoral election on 1 May 2025</u></p> <p>To consider a report from the Monitoring Officer on the appointment of a Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority Returning Officer and a local Returning Officer for the proposed Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority Mayoral elections on 1 May 2025 (copy attached).</p>	197
13.	<p><u>Dispensation – Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972</u></p> <p>To consider a report from the Chief Executive recommending the provision of a special dispensation under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 (copy attached).</p>	203
14.	<p><u>Notice of Motion 1</u></p> <p>To consider a Notice of Motion, to be proposed by Councillor Shreeve and seconded by Councillor Lindley, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders as set out below:</p> <p><i>Council notes the proposed closure of the main Post Office in Grimsby Town centre. This proposal coming at a time when footfall in the town centre is increasing will leave Grimsby with no central post office and present considerable inconvenience and hardship for residents who rely on it, especially those who use the Post Office to draw their pensions and manage their banking.</i></p> <p><i>Apart from the general postal services offered, specialist services for parcels, payment of bills, assistance with passport renewals, driving licence applications amongst many other matters will no longer be available to our residents. This will mean that many who rely on these services, especially our</i></p>	-

	<p><i>older residents who may not have other access to these services will have nowhere to go for help. It is also worth mentioning that the Post Office still allows cash to be paid in when the remaining high street banks do not.</i></p> <p><i>The closure comes at a time of major redevelopment of the town centre with expected increase in footfall from the Freshney Place leisure scheme, Community Diagnostic Centre and the Horizon Youth Zone. In addition, the redevelopment of St James House will have a positive impact on town centre footfall. All of these developments will improve Post Office viability. Taking these factors into account, the closure is all the more disappointing</i></p> <p><i>This Council therefore resolves to write to the Secretary of State for Business and Trade and the Chairman of the Post Office, objecting in the strongest terms to the proposed closure and urging that the closure proposal is reversed.</i></p>	
15.	<p><u>Notice of Motion 2</u></p> <p>To consider a Notice of Motion, to be proposed by Councillor Holland and seconded by Councillor Henderson, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders as set out below:</p> <p><i>The United Kingdom as a whole is facing a looming public health crisis. As of April 2024, 2.8 million people of working age or 7% of the workforce were unable to work due to long term health problems. Poor public health and associated economic inactivity is a key cause for concern because in addition to the personal consequences it restricts labour supply and economic growth. Due to a number of factors, including the increase in retirement age to 67, some studies show that the total number unable to work due to long-term ill health could increase by up to 50% over the next 5 years.</i></p> <p><i>In some areas of our Borough, it is evident that a public health crisis already exists and that is reflected in our published health statistics. This Council recognises that more can and must be done as a matter of urgency in helping improve the physical and mental health of people within our Borough of all ages. To work towards achieving that goal, the Council will:</i></p> <p><i>A. Declare itself to be a 'Public Health Council'.</i></p> <p><i>B. Establish a cross-party Cabinet working group which will advise Cabinet before 31st July 2025 on the feasibility of North East Lincolnshire Council becoming a 'Marmot' Place with the adoption of some or all of the 'Marmot' principles and their practical implementation as below:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Give every child the best start in life.</i> <i>2. Enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives.</i> <i>3. Create fair employment and good work for all.</i> <i>4. Ensure a healthy standard of living for all.</i> <i>5. Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities.</i> <i>6. Strengthen the role and impact of ill health prevention.</i> <i>7. Tackle racism, discrimination and their outcomes.</i> <i>8. Pursue environmental sustainability and health equity together.</i> <p><i>More details on the 'Marmot' approach to public health can be found in this link: https://www.instituteofhealthequity.org/taking-action/marmot-places</i></p>	-

To consider a Notice of Motion, to be proposed by Councillor Farren and seconded by Councillor Patrick, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders as set out below:

Violence against women and girls has been a systemic issue in society for countless decades, and no area more so than in North East Lincolnshire. It is only recently that it has started to become more widely acknowledged within the public awareness and agenda.

It is to the tribute of many local fantastic volunteers in years that gone by support has been available to women and their children who have been victims of abuse, and we owe a debt of thanks to the trail blazers that made this happen, like Sylvia Moss, Anne Pask, and many others that lead the fight for a place of refuge that was opened, grown and thrives to this day.

Further tribute must be paid to the staff and volunteers that continue to make all this possible, which at times is emotionally and physically exhausting, but makes a massive difference in the lives of those they provide vital support to.

There are no reliable prevalence data on domestic abuse, but the Crime Survey of England and Wales (CSEW) offers the best data available. In November 2023, the latest figures, to the year ending March 2023, found that around one in four women (27%) have experienced domestic abuse since the age of 16. For men, the figure is around one in seven (13.9%). For partner abuse only, the figures are 22.7% for women and 10.2% for men (ONS, 2023). However, as noted above, all of these figures are likely to significantly underestimate gender asymmetry.

The latest figures also found that an estimated 1.4m women experienced domestic abuse in the previous year. Although this number is lower than the year prior to this (an estimated 1.7m women in the year ending March 2022), this does not represent a statistically significant change, due to an error in the survey in the year ending March 2023 (ONS, 2023). However, it is also important to note that this data does not take into account important context and impact information, such as whether the violence caused fear, who the repeat victims were, and who experienced violence in a context of power and control.

In the year ending December 2023, the police recorded a domestic abuse offence approximately every 40 seconds (ONS, 2024).

According to CSEW data for the year ending March 2023, only 18.9% of women who had experienced partner abuse in the last 12 months reported the abuse to the police (ONS, 2023).

In 2023/24, there were 623 recorded sexual offences across North East Lincolnshire, a 7.2% increase from 2022/23.

Additionally, both domestic abuse crimes and crimes recorded as violence against women and girls rose by 28% from 2022/23. Figures released in

	<p>response to a Freedom of Information Request (FOI) made by Melanie Onn MP showed a similar picture between January and August of 2024.</p> <p>In the first 8 months of this year, 2,212 arrests were made for violence against women and girls in Humberside, with 3,117 arrests for domestic violence.</p> <p>Whilst any act of violence is unacceptable, the growing figures are a devastating trend, and to that end, local women and girls are fighting back with the start of the newly formed 'North East Lincolnshire Reclaim the Night'.</p> <p>This forms part of the 16 Days of Action, an international campaign to raise awareness of issues around violence against women and girls. It runs from 25th November (the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) to the 10th December (Human Rights Day).</p> <p>Council resolves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give our unwavering support in the campaign too end violence against women and girls. • Welcome the creation of the 'North East Lincolnshire Reclaim the Night' in their campaign to help make women and girls safer. • Congratulate North East Lincolnshire Reclaim the Night on their community event, marching from Nun's Corner to Grimsby Town centre and wish them every success in future. 																							
17.	<p><u>Questions on Notice</u></p> <p>To consider any questions from Elected Members, submitted in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.</p>	-																						
18.	<p><u>Minutes of the Cabinet and Committees of the Council</u></p> <p>To receive the minutes of decisions taken under delegated powers at the following meetings, subject to any questions asked in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Cabinet</td> <td>18th September 30th October 13th November</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Freshney Place Cabinet Sub Committee</td> <td>8th October</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Portfolio Holder – Housing, Infrastructure and Transport</td> <td>17th September 21st October 24th October</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scrutiny Panel – Children and Lifelong Learning</td> <td>1st October</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scrutiny Panel – Communities</td> <td>5th September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scrutiny Panel – Economy, Culture and Tourism</td> <td>3rd October</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scrutiny Panel – Health and Adult Social Care</td> <td>25th September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Scrutiny Panel – Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing</td> <td>10th September</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joint Scrutiny Panel – Economy, Culture and Tourism, and Health and Adult Social Care</td> <td>7th November</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Crime and Disorder Committee</td> <td>10th October</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Health and Wellbeing Board</td> <td>9th September</td> </tr> </table>	Cabinet	18 th September 30 th October 13 th November	Freshney Place Cabinet Sub Committee	8 th October	Portfolio Holder – Housing, Infrastructure and Transport	17 th September 21 st October 24 th October	Scrutiny Panel – Children and Lifelong Learning	1 st October	Scrutiny Panel – Communities	5 th September	Scrutiny Panel – Economy, Culture and Tourism	3 rd October	Scrutiny Panel – Health and Adult Social Care	25 th September	Scrutiny Panel – Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing	10 th September	Joint Scrutiny Panel – Economy, Culture and Tourism, and Health and Adult Social Care	7 th November	Crime and Disorder Committee	10 th October	Health and Wellbeing Board	9 th September	-
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19.	<p><u>Urgent Business</u></p> <p>To receive any business which, in the opinion of the Chairman, is urgent by reason of special circumstances which must be stated and minuted.</p>		-
20.	<p><u>Exclusion of Press and Public</u></p> <p>To consider requesting the press and public to leave on the grounds that discussion of the following business is likely to disclose exempt information within the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).</p>		-
21.	<p><u>Freshney Place Leisure Scheme</u></p> <p>To receive the closed appendix referred to at item 8 on the agenda (copy attached)</p>		207

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